

REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS for Distributed Energy Resource Related Activities 2025

The Wisconsin Distributed Resources Collaborative is a 501 c(3) non-profit corporation formed under Chapter 181 of the Wisconsin Statutes. The organization is a voluntary collaborative committed to facilitating and promoting the successful deployment of economic, efficient, and environmentally responsible distributed resources in Wisconsin.

The Wisconsin Distributed Resources Collaborative has a limited amount of funding to donate toward distributed energy resource related activities. Relevant activities include commercial distributed energy projects or studies, distributed energy events and conference sponsorships. The Wisconsin Distributed Resources Collaborative encourages projects that address a diversity of opinions on distributed generation. Successful applicants will consider the positions and viewpoints of stakeholders from various energy sector perspectives.

Applications will be considered on a case-by-case basis by the Wisconsin Distributed Resources Collaborative under the terms of this Request for Applications. The Wisconsin Distributed Resources Collaborative intends to award a **maximum of \$10,000** for activities this year.

For purposes of this Request for Applications, distributed resources include distributed generation, energy storage and other power quality / storage devices, conservation and demand-side management. Distributed generation are small generating facilities (15 MW or less) located at a customer or utility site and may be stand alone or connected to the electric distribution system. These units are used for generating electricity alone or in combination with the use of waste heat.

Examples of several potential project topics include, but are not limited to:

- Literature review of the value of distributed generation
- Determining the value of utility-owned distributed generation
- Integration of variable output distributed generation systems into distribution systems
- Determination of non-disruptive penetration levels for distributed generation on distribution systems
- Distributed generation applied research and development, and associated data collection
- Commercial requirements and business practices
- Distributed generation siting and permitting issues
- Distributed energy related conferences or events

APPLICATION DEADLINE / CONTACT INFORMATION

Applications must be received no later than Monday, December 1, 2025.

Applications are to be received by e-mail at organization@WisconsinDR.org

SCORING CRITERIA

The selection of recipients will be based in part on the criteria set forth in the attached score sheet and the following considerations:

- *Project Description* – 20% (proposal provides a clear and understandable description of the project)

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- *Project Relevance* – 25% (project is a distributed energy opportunity; project identifies a viable market opportunity in Wisconsin; proposal is supported by established science; WIDRC will favorably score applicants that consider the positions and viewpoints of stakeholders from various energy sector perspectives)
- *Project Potential* – 25% (advances distributed energy usage, significant market potential, quality & quantity of potential job creation, indirect economic benefits, reduces market barriers to distributed generation)
- *Applicant Qualifications* – 15% (demonstration of capacity to successfully realize project, is there an advisory group in place for assistance?)
- *Project Deliverables* – 15% (the proposal has clearly identified project objectives that are linked to specific outcomes, utility of plan to disseminate project results)

PROPOSAL INFORMATION

Proposals must provide the following information and include a completed applicant signature box.

Proposals must not exceed 3 pages.

1. Applicant Information:
Name of Applicant, Contact Name if different than applicant
Mailing Address City State Zip Code
Telephone Number E-mail Address
Application Date
2. Project Description:
a. Provide a complete project description and the market it could address.
b. Describe how your project identifies a viable market opportunity in Wisconsin.
3. Describe how your project advances distributed energy usage, has significant market potential, addresses quality/ quantity of potential job creation, provides indirect economic benefits and reduces market barriers to distributed generation
4. Applicant Qualifications (Describe your experience and capacity to successfully complete your project.)
5. Describe details of your plans to provide education, public outreach and/or training related to your project including any partners involved.
6. Provide a timeline for your project.
7. Project Budget:
a. Indicate the total amount requested for the project.
b. Provide a detailed budget (Include other funding sources, if any).

Applicant signature box.

<div style="border-bottom: 1px solid black; margin-bottom: 5px;"></div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> Applicant Date </div>	
<p>I certify that I have made this application and any accompanying documentation, and the information is reasonable and accurate. I have read the terms and conditions associated with this Request for Applications.</p>	

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1. Businesses, organizations, institutions, and federal, state, county, local or tribal governments and residents with locations in Wisconsin are eligible.
2. Within about 30 days of receiving a complete application, you will be notified if your application has been approved.
3. It is anticipated that projects may begin about January 5, 2026.
4. Distributed energy resource activities must be completed within one year of the award.
5. Recipients will be asked to make a presentation related to their distributed energy resource activities upon completion.
6. The Wisconsin Distributed Resources Collaborative facilitates and promotes distributed resources in Wisconsin through the use of photos and project descriptions. Your application signature provides the Wisconsin Distributed Resources Collaborative approval to use photos and provide a general description of your project for the purposes described above.
7. Disclaimer: Acceptance of funding – in the form of donations - does not constitute the approval, acceptance, warranty, guarantee or endorsement of your project by the Wisconsin Distributed Resources Collaborative. No liability will be assumed by the Wisconsin Distributed Resources Collaborative.
8. Any Internal Revenue Service or State Revenue reporting requirements are the responsibility of the recipient.
9. Additional Terms: the Wisconsin Distributed Resources Collaborative reserves the right to:
 - a. Make the final determination of number of awards and to reject any proposal.
 - b. Alter or discontinue the Request for Applications at any time without notice.
 - c. Have discretion to make multiple awards.
 - d. Comment on an early draft of any final report and have comments addressed by project holders.
 - e. Have editorial control of any “press releases or summaries” of final reports.
 - f. Withhold payment until the project deliverables are completed.